

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Stamford Road District Survey District Inventory Number: BA-3187
Address: Includes parts of Stamford Rd., Martin Dr., Sedgewood Rd.,
Wedgewood Rd., Valley Brook Rd. Historic district: X yes ☐ no
City: Catonsville Zip Code: 21229 County: Baltimore County
USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore West
Property Owner: various Tax Account ID Number: n/a
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: Red Line Corridor Transit Study Agency: Mass Transit Administration
Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Katherine Larson Farnham Date Prepared: 7/12/2005
Documentation is presented in: Maryland state property tax records
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes X no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Stamford Road District consists of 1950s single-family ranch and split-level homes just outside the city line. The district includes the 1100 block of Stamford Rd., parts of Wedgewood Rd. and Valley Brook Rd., and Martin Dr. and Sedgewood Rd. The ranch houses were constructed in the 1952-1954 period, and the more numerous split-levels came a bit later, in 1954-1956. The neighborhood has wide lawns, paved sidewalks, mature trees, and hilly, gently curving streets. Most houses are surrounded by ornamental shrubs and trees. To the east, Wedgewood Rd. and Stamford Rd. transform into a different neighborhood inside the Baltimore city line; the boundary is marked by this change. This adjacent city neighborhood dates from the same 1950s time period as the Stamford Road District but is characterized by an older, high-density design aesthetic featuring continuous blocks of daylight row houses and a more gridlike street pattern.

Ranch houses in the Stamford Road District are one-story frame side-gabled homes with concrete foundations and brick-faced or partial-brick-faced fronts. They are three to five bays wide and oriented with their long sides parallel to the street. Though they do not have a uniform design, they typically feature a large nine-panel living room picture window next to the front door. Most are located on a one-block segment of Stamford and Wedgewood roads, and sit on larger lots. Some appear to have a split rear level.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended X
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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Original siding materials included vertical wood siding on the front and grooved wide shingle siding on the ends of the houses.

Split-level homes in the district are highly uniform in design, much more so than the ranch houses. They are typically set sideways on a hillside, taking advantage of topography for maximum exposure on each level. Each house has a concrete foundation, an asphalt-shingled roof, and four visible levels above grade. The houses are designed in a style similar to postwar Cape Cods, with the uppermost levels tucked into gabled half-stories. Each home has a gable-front-and-wing plan, with the roofline maintaining the same height on both sections. The gable section, located at the lower end of the property grade, has a basement-garage level at or slightly below grade and a full-story front-gabled bedroom level and vented attic space above. The garages typically face the front and are designed for a single vehicle. Next to the garage door opening is a single door. Some houses were not designed with garages and simply have a pair of short windows on this level. The bedroom above has paired front windows. The wing section contains a living room at ground level, with a bedroom level in the half-story above. Each wing section has a brick front with a large nine-pane picture window and a front door adjacent to the gable-front section. The remainder of the house was originally clad in wide wood shingles. There are no dormers on the upper level of the wing. The roofline from the gable-front section slopes down further on one side to the eave level of the wing side, forming an inset porch in front of the front door. Each front door is reached by concrete steps with a wrought iron balustrade.

This neighborhood was one of a number of postwar automobile suburban developments that sprang up in Baltimore County in the 1950s. Countless developments of this type extended into lands that until then had been rural farmland. Curving roads and generic mass-produced modern homes were typical. Homes in this particular neighborhood, while reflective of their time, were never distinctive or elaborate and are relatively modest in scale.

Although the overall setting of this neighborhood has been well preserved since it was built, the houses themselves have largely been renovated. When built, they had horizontal two-over-two wooden sash windows and wide wood shingle siding. Today, replacement windows and vinyl siding are prevalent, and only a handful of houses preserve original fenestration throughout or feature original siding materials. In addition, a number of homeowners have converted their garages to rooms and infilled the garage door opening with various combinations of siding and windows. Given that the houses and neighborhood lack both distinction and integrity, the Stamford Road District is recommended not eligible for the NRHP.

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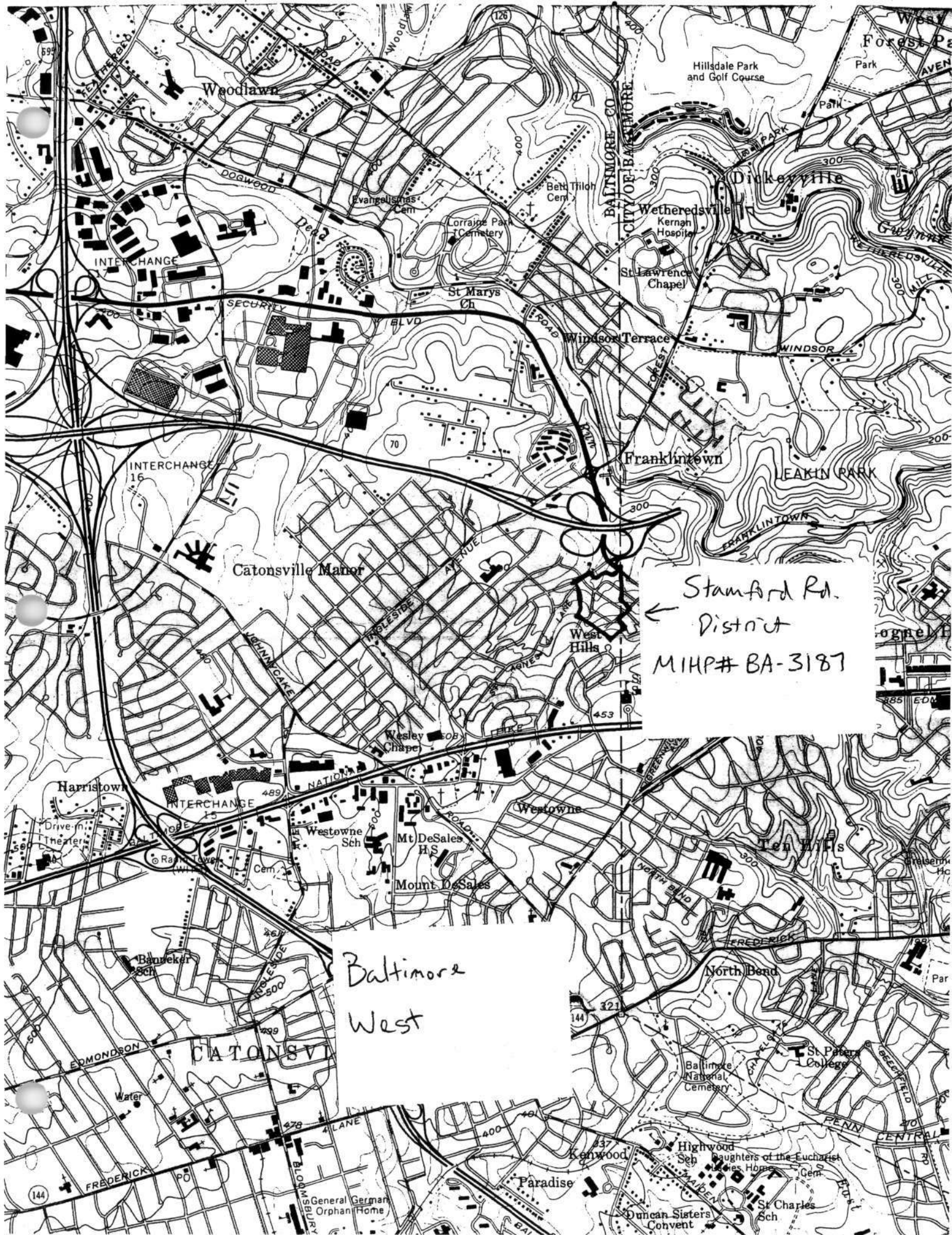
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view to W, typical split-levels

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Sedgewood Rd near Martin Rd, Stamford Rd. District
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View to NW

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1100 blk. Wedgewood Rd., Stamford Rd. District
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View to S near intersection w/ Stamford Rd.

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View to N of ranch houses

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1100 blk. Valley Brook Rd., Stamford Rd. District

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view to SW of split-levels

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